

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown
Recreation Department
100 Riverview Center, Suite 140
September 3, 2013
6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight, Chairperson, Keith Vinci, Marie Hurley, Joseph Carta “present via conference call”, Elderrean Paules, August DeFrance, Karen Nocera, Staff, Parks and Recreation, Abigail Nolan, Youth in Government

Absent: Richard Pelletier, Steven Shapiro, Phil Cacciola

Staff Present: none

General Public: none

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:06pm.

3. Public Hearing: none

4. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 4, 2013, was made by August DeFrance and seconded by Marie Hurley. The motion was passed.

Departmental Reports:

- August DeFrance discussed the tax credits which have lowered the cost of the senior center about \$1.2 million dollars. The date of the groundbreaking has not been set but should be around September 19, 2013. There was a great turn out for the introduction of the tax credits and a great deal of appreciation goes to Jan Cunningham, the Historical Architect, who did a great deal of work to get that money. The majority of the stuff in the military museum is ready to be removed hopefully by the next couple of weeks. The planning, for the Vets Park Committee as to where the military museum will be placed, is going to be closer to the trees of honor. The trees of honor in that park will be planted within the next couple of weeks. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight asked Marie Hurley if she had heard anything about the sump pump project. She responded that she never heard a word from anyone. This is in regards to the water treatment plan. A discussion ensued.
- Ellie Paules was not at Monarca Place this summer. Since she has been back everything seems to be fine.
- Keith Vinci discussed getting involved in more projects throughout the town. He felt that as a committee we should work together on different projects that are productive as a group. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight announced that there are now audible walk signals on the corners of Main and College, Main and Williams and Main and Court Street. They just started within the last two weeks. A discussion ensued. Also, there was a lift at Vets pool that was operational and used this summer.
- Karen Nocera discussed that the Parks & Recreation Department just went online so that you can go to the website www.middletownct.gov and register for programs online. The department has the capability to register for programs with credit cards both online and in the office. This is making registration easier for both residents and the office staff. A discussion ensued.

- Keith Vinci mentioned that perhaps the Committee should approach the Chamber of Commerce and/or local businesses to see if they would be interested in giving some opportunities to people with disabilities into their work force. For example, if they hired someone that was hearing impaired Keith would be willing to train office staff on sign language. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

- Marty Knight wanted to thank Ellie Paules for having the forethought to have the CCPD meeting moved to the Recreation Department because of the meeting conflict with the Common Council meeting. She thought of the fact that parking would be an issue.
- It was mentioned that perhaps future meetings should also be held at this location at the Recreation Office. A discussion ensued.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. There was discussion about the November meeting because it lands on Election Day.

Adjournment: A motion of adjournment was made by August DeFrance and was seconded by Ellie Paules. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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